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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a divisional of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/057,162, filed January 24, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,623,987 entitled PASSIVATED MAGNETO-RESISTIVE BIT STRUCTURE AND PASSIVATION METHOD THEREFOR, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/638,419, filed August 14, 2000, entitled "PASSIVATED-MAGNETO-RESISTIVE BIT STRUCTURE AND PASSIVATION METHOD THEREFOR," now U.S. Patent No. 6,392,922, the entireties of which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also related to ~~co~~pending U.S. Application entitled "PASSIVATED MAGNETO-RESISTIVE BIT STRUCTURE," with Serial Number 10/078,234, filed on February 14, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,806,546, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.